

**REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 11 and 12 are added and claims 1-4, 6 and 7 are canceled. Therefore, on entering this amendment, claims 5-10 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claim 9 has been rejected because of a minor informality.

Claims 5-6 and 8-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over admitted prior art and Doi et al, (6,720,761).

Claim 7 has been indicated as being allowable if presented in an independent form

For a speedier prosecution of the case, the Applicants amend independent claims 5 and 10 to include limitations from the presently allowable claim 7 (including limitations from intervening claim 6). Accordingly claims 6 and 7 have been deleted. Therefore, pending claims 5, 8-10 are believed to be allowable.

New claims 11 and 12 depend from claim 9 and are allowable at least for the same reasons.

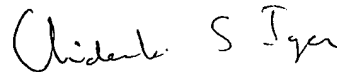
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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